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IS GREAT—LIKE ATLAS IT SUPPORTS THE RACE.

Its Magnitude.—The Horoscope.—The Negro Editors Lead Peculiar Lives, Hence Their Dealings Are Peculiar.

The Negro press has reflected very great credit on itself during the holidays. Looking of course in the gay profusion of color, which demonstrates to the race how necessary it is to support our editors that they might make a proportional racial showing in these times, they nevertheless show improvement, and abundantly testify our rapid intellectual developement. I shall choose no especial newspaper as a criterion for my subject. Negro editors lead a very peculiar life, and hence their dealings are to some considerable extent peculiar. They can say with a certain degree of emphasis, yes and no, they can appreciate even a contemptuous promise and allow their maudlin effusions to tickle the fancy of some pedantic coxcomb ever on the pose for personal mention. They go out in search for new subscribers and get them by tens and hundreds, they procure business adds, and that gives our few subscribers something to kick about, and hear them say "most of this paper is advertisements," the fool does not know that this is the support of the paper, and where it not for the adds the paper would long ago have been lain away in sweet innocence. The South is the field for some great Negro newspaper, it may not be that our men with brains and money will discover it for ten years yet to come, but watch, time proves many things. New Orleans has for a number of years been supporting a colored daily paper. Nashville, Tennessee, has a larger reading population of our race than you may find anywhere south of Baltimore. Louisville, Memphis, Little Rock, Atlanta and Houston no doubt are cities with sufficient Negro population to establish a plant for a great Negro weekly like The Freeman or The Age.

The Negro of the South does not read perhaps as much literature, books, magazines, etc., as they do in the North, but he does read the newspapers, and he reads them well. Go into a Negro restaurant or barber shop in the vast State of Texas, (I speak of the cities) and you will find either The Freeman or The Age. This tells us that the Negro is progressing intellectually. He is learning how to differentiate between the good, the better and the best. If we as a race are to become educated and refined in a numerical, and collective sense, it will be from what we read, certainly not from what we hear altogether.

The ministry be it said to its credit has done great good for the race in holding aloft the blood stained banner of Christ, but often the ministry has misused its sacred privileges, and trailed that banner in the dust, individually the Negro ministry is quite a success, Often you will find in the South a generous, but dangerous because ignorant, minister, whose object and aim is to land all his "brudders on Canaan's shore," but believes there's "no harm in two of God's believin' chillun lyin' down to gedder." The press is a great unseen power, a missionary as if sent to a foreign land, actuating, while it pervades the Southern territory, and arresting the sober attention of those able to think. It is as a lighted lamp reflected in the night from a solar prism across a dark bleak forest. The school room is becoming a welcome place for the editor, time was, not far back in the past, when neither the preacher nor the editor knew as much as the pupil, but time has brought forth increased demands upon the schools and college, 'till now almost every town or city in the South, claims as its brightest intellects some college bred Negro who is either a teacher, minister, lawyer, editor or physician.

The editor should be encouraged, our pupils are with him, and they are the future men and women. He should be proud, every factor of civilization becomes as well as aids him on. The professional Negro is with him heart and soul. The Negro should be proud of their editors, what an array of magnificent brains behind the versatile pens of our Negro press. Woman has taken her place in the quill realm, and proved in a thousand ways she thinks, soberly, and manages successfully her work at hand.

The Negro should spend $1,000,000 annually for newspapers and books edited by their own race. We take journals of fashion and pay for them, we read the New York Clipper and Fox's Illustrated Gazette. We read Puck, Texas Siftings, subscribe to all the white man's big dailies. Why don't we subscribe as much as we had ought for The Freeman, the Age, the Colored American, the Planet, the Texas Freeman, the Conservator, the Recorder, the South Western, the Christian Advocate, and the Star of Zion? Then why should we be more interested in the Youths Companion, the Cosmopolitan, the North American Review, the Forum and the Century, than we are in the Zion Herald, the A. M E. Church Review, the Womans Era and other magazines, of the race? We have traveled a great distance coming to where we are, and yet I think sometimes the mire and contempt in the slough from which we escaped still clings to the Negro and glaringly exposes itself in the peculiar way we have of showing how we appreciate the development of the race, and the meagre patronage we give to business controlled by men whose color is similar to our own.

In all the civilized world there is not a Negro combine of business character, established for the purpose of manufacture, a wholesale merchandise, that can aggregate as a capitol stock, $500,000. There is not a Negro store managed successfully with the magnitude of John Wanamakers. It is not because the Negro has not, nor could not effect a corporation with a capitol stock of such vast magnitude. It is because the race is so deficient in small things, that they do not rise to the magnitude of business dignity. The Negro editor does a business. His newspapers concern may be a corporation, the race could wonderfully enlarge his corporation but for some reason, it does not get the idea. To get the idea is, indeed, very good, it is the grand climax after which effort, backed by will power in the right kind of clay, follows in the path of manly endeavor to the goal success. Let the Negro race get the idea. Then get not the shadow, get the substance. The Negro newspaper is one of our greatest factors.

We strengthen our spiritual part under the mellifluous influence of the eloquent truth expounder, but we broaden both our knowledge of God and man by reading. In fact, that is the very place our minister gets it, we drink ourselves from the very fountain of truth. Let every self respecting Negro subscribe and pay for at least one Negro Newspaper all over this broad land during '97. The Freeman, the Age and all the others will then be very much better than they are, and the South may join in, and at some great center erect a plant for a great big newspaper, whose scintillating rays of thought will go into the very heart of the most ignorant settlements, and men will get the idea and in all lines of trade, business and professions, the Negro will be patronized and the race will make long strides to true greatness. Then it may be we may see four, six and seven story newspaper offices with electric presses, associate press wires, dozens of couriers, composers, writers, clerks, associate editors each and all in the highest and truest sense, men of thought and action, with the idea and earnest endeavor. God speed the day.

DR. M. A. MAJORS,

Decatur, Ill.

Personal Mention.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Jackson gave a New Years dinner at their residence 3424 Dearborn street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Christople Makle of Dayton, O. The dinner was served in courses, the table being decorated in cornations and roses. Those present were as follows: Mrs. Peters, Dayton, O.; Mrs. S. Clark, Mrs. J. Moody, Mrs. M. Watts, Mrs. R. Dover, Mr. and Mrs. Christople Makle, Mr. and Mrs. Christople Makle, jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. McKling, Mr. T. Makle, Mrs. M. J. Dunbar, the poet's mother, Mrs, S. C. Hamilton, Mrs. J. Moody. The Phoenix Dancing Academy gave a grand masquerade ball at Arlington hall, Thirty-first and Indiana avenue, New Years night and was attended by about three hundred people. Music was furnished by the K. of P. String Band. The Illinois Dancing Academy gave a masquerade ball at Lincoln Hall Tuesday Dec 29th which was largely attended. The North Star Lodge, I. A. F, and A. M., gave a concert entertainment at Arlington Hall last Tuesday Dec. 29th, The Golden Leaf Club gave a full dress party at Lincoln Hall Dec. 31st. The grand march was led by the president of the club, Mr. Charlie Lett. The dancing program read as follows:

"Ideal thought made us what we are and thou alone maintains us where we are," waltz, Golden Leaf Clubs, "Activity;" two step, Chas. Letts, "Progressive Age of Delight;" waltz, E. and H, Goldens, "Determination to Excel;" military Lancers, Ida Woods, "Devotion;" promenade, orchestra selection; two step, Ida Nailer, "Golden Times at its best;" waltz, Ida Hendrick, "Dreams of her Future Happiness;" two step, B. Winlock, "Enchanced are our Anticipations;" Intermission. The grand march "The Golden Leaf;" waltz, Mrs. R. Jacobs, Geo Cook, Joseph Seyser, J. Johnson, J. Comb are the champion chartered members, "Idea of Society;" two step, Mrs. Emma Ball, Bennett, Williams and Taylor, "Ideal dream of maidens first dance with master man;" waltz, H. Churchill, "Gorgeous Smiles are Useful;" military lancers, I. W. Davis, "Idea of times up-to-date;" two step, R. Jacob, "Approval of the Occasion;" waltz, Charlie Jordans, "Participated Pleasure;" two step, Lamont Jones, "Blooming Delight;" waltz, B. and B. F. Hoxter, "May our effort be crowned with a successful future;" Daton, E. Smith, "My Sentiments are my actions;" two step, Ernestine Brown, "May our separation be a beacon light to all the people;" waltz, Errostene Evans, "Oh, what a dreamland seems this hour;" waltz lancers, invited friends appreciation.

No steel nor fire hath power
Like the Golden Leaf Club in her conquering hour,
But as she is fair mankind adore her,
And she smiles the world will bow before her.

The table seated 150 at once, decorated with various kind of flowers and six large brass lamps. The hall was decorated with flags and bunting of the U. S. A.

Grand Anniversary of True Elevens.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

There was a grand Christmas tree given at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church, on Monday night Dec. 28th ult., and also an entertainment at Ferguson's hall, corner Main and Vine. Elder Brown of Neelyville, Mo., was in the city on the 31st ult., and preached an eminent sermon at Brown Chapel A. M. E. church. Prof. H. A. Wheeler and Miss Artie M. Wyatt left the city during the holidays. A revival began at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church on the 31st ult., with signs of a successful meeting. George Melon, Mrs. Cora Mans, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, Robt Spencer and Elder James H. Randall are ill at this writing. Goss Scott the younger son of Lee Scott, died on the 31st ult. Mr. Frankie Johnson of Charleston, Mo., arrived in the city on the 31st ult., to attend the 3rd annual anniversary of Phillis Wheatley Branch Mary's Temple of the True Elevens No. 7, on the 1st inst., New Years night. A grand program was rendered consisting of songs, select readings, recitations, prepared papers etc., and supper was served with all the delicacies of the season. Two enthusiastic addresses were delivered by Mr. Chas. H. Hick and Mr. Neal.

The Y. M. C. A. Concert a Success.

Chatham Township, Ont., Special.

Little Miss Eva Moulton, daughter of Prof. Moulton, was buried on Dec. 29th. Mrs. Susan Williams, one of the oldest members of the Union M. E. church, was buried on the 30th at 3 p. m. Her funeral was conducted by Rt. Rev. J. C, Wilmore. Quite a large number attended the funeral. Miss Francis Scott rendered excellent music for the occasion. The Y. M. C. A. concert on the 29th was a grand success. The Christmas tree was a success. Songs were rendered by the choir. Miss Annie Scott presided at the organ, and $24.30 was realized. Miss Lizzie Baynard has become a regular subscriber for The Freeman. Miss Annie Scott has enrolled for a teacher in the Sunday School. Miss Lena Scott is organist at the church and school. Mr. Alex. Eddie is the general manager. Prof. Eddie is field agent for The Freeman. Send on The Freeman. Our Freeman Club now numbers ten and we want twenty more before Jan. 30th '97.

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THE PAST AND THE PRESENT

EMANCIPATION DAY OBSERVED WITH IMPOSING CEREMONIES

In the Mound City—Prof. Inman Page Orator of the Day—The Central Literary—Receptions Galore—Church Out of Debt—Notes.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

Emancipation day celebration was observed at Elliott avenue M. E. church on New Years day, and a crowded house greeted Prof. Inman E. Page, President of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo. W. M. Farmer, a noted attorney of our city, in a very choice speech introduced the professor, and his ascending the platform was the cause of an outburst of applause. The gentleman began his address by calling to mind the issuing of the first proclamation by Abraham Lincoln, Sept. 20, 1862, and the subsequent proclamation Jan. 1, '63, which was the cause of the liberation of the slaves. He very beautifully portrayed their career, battling with disadvantage, their struggles for ascendency, and finally obtaining education, wealth and recognition by the nation of which they form an important factor. The gentleman quoted Victor Hugo, the distinguished French novelist, to-wit: "That the 19th century gave freedom to the black man, but that the 20th century will make him a man," and he added that much depends upon the young men and women of to-day in forming the men of the next century, and he hoped that the coming century would find men and women seeking for higher education, and purifying the community in which they live. He regrets that there is not enough devotion, pride and loyalty among the race, and that they are not making sufficient sacrifice for the upbuilding of the race as they ought to do, and he sincerely hoped that in the near future there will exist among the Negro race, thorough organization, and a restoration of confidence among each other, in order that commercial enterprises and other institutions may be conducted for, and exclusively by our race. The professor scored the teachers, lawyers and preachers for entering into professional work without any training whatever, and he urged the community not to patronize such men until they have equipped themselves. Prof. Page has been for sixteen years president of Lincoln Institute, and is doing a grand work. There are now 223 students enrolled. The class of '97 will graduate from the collegiate department two, and from the Normal department fifteen. The industrial department comprise blacksmithing, carpentering and machinery, and rapid progress has been made during the past few years, inasmuch as the school manufactures dynamos for the market, and several are now in use in some of the large buildings throughout the state. A thorough training is given the students in English literature and modern languages, and refined young ladies and gentlemen are graduated therefrom. The Freeman will ever pray for the success of Prof. Page and Lincoln Institute.

At the Central Literary last Monday evening Miss Adella Crawford read a paper on "Literature. It was a scholarly masterpiece, proved her a deep student, and above all its rendition was in a clear and distinct voice. There are very few young women like unto Miss Crawford, who realizes that the appreciation of a paper depends largely upon the manner of its reading. Miss Crawford's paper was the only number on the program which invited commendation.

The annual report of Central Baptist church read on watch meeting night showed a balance of many thousand dollars on hand, and a membership of 1056. It is the largest church in the city, and the only one out of debt.

J. D. Russell and I. H. Beverly have been appointed to positions in the city collector's office. Prove yourselves worthy of the trust reposed in you, gentlemen, so that credit might reflect upon the race to which you belong, and always bear in mind that you are only part of a whole.

The Misses Taits, of 4261 Cottage avenue, entertained on New Years day friends to the number of 240, and each one expressed an enjoyable time. Your correspondent had the pleasure of calling upon these young ladies, and never before on a New Years day has he ever spent such pleasant hours. The young ladies are from Nashville, Tenn., and are all society belles.

Mrs. Albert, of 1907 Lucas avenue, entertained many friends on Jan. 1, and a pleasant time was spent in dancing, etc., until the small hours. Mrs. Albert is a charming hostess, and makes those around her happy.

A. A. Clarke, stenographer for the president of the 'Frisco R. R., has gone to Chicago to spend a few weeks.

Chas. W. Prentiss, eminent Grand Commander F. and A. M. for the State of Missouri, and Prof. O. M. Woods, principal of L'Overture school, spent the holidays in the Indian Territory, has returned to resume work.

The colored Presbyterian church on Nineteenth street, Rev. J. I. Buck, pastor, had a festival and Christmas tree at the church on New Years night, and the hearts of the parents and children were made glad.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Carruthers, of 2713 Mill street, held a reception on Wednesday evening Dec. 30, in honor of Miss Georgia Kelly, of Springfield. Among the many present might be mentioned Misses Williams, Taggart, Dickson, Sallie and Victoria Clay, Brown and Reid; Messrs. Clarke, Dupee, Barrow, Outlaw, Shel-

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DR. PRESTON SHOULD SPEAK

HE SHOULD GIVE A SHORT SKETCH OF HIS LIFE, FROM BIRTH

To the Present—Why the Writers of the A. M. E. Church Resort to Secular Papers to Ventilate Evils in the Church.

It is with sincere regret that I knock at the door of The Freeman this week begging the use of your valuable space. I read in B. Square's Bluster recently the criticism upon Dr. John M. Henderson that the doctor brought too much of the dirty linnen of the A. M. E. church to the Freeman's kitchen for washing. I consider the criticism just, and have often asked why Dr. Henderson persisted in writing up the faults of his church in a secular paper. But some weeks ago I prepared an article upon the above caption, and forwarded it to Christian Recorder where I thought such things belonged, but over a month has passed by, and still my article does not appear. No doubt it has long since helped kindle the furnace fires of the A. M. E. Publishing House. Now I begin to realize why Dr. Henderson and others who wish to criticise the lives of our preachers come to The Freeman.

It is probably no more from choice with them than with me. It is my opinion that the organ of any denomination would be the place in which to publish any criticisms upon the denomination, especially when such criticisms come from within are evidently intended for the good of the denomination. But in this, the editor of the Christian Recorder does not seem to agree with us. When we wish to lavish praises upon some of our great men we are given a hearty welcome, but when we wish to turn on the light and expose some of the blacklegs and hypocrites we are shut out. How are we to reform the church if we are not to expose the evil doers? But enough on this subject.

In the Freeman of Nov. 14th there appears an article from Rev. D. H. Johnson, pastor of St. James A. M. E. church of Abbeville, S. C., in which he gives the details of the serious accusations made against Rev. Dr. C. W. Preston, pastor of St. Pauls A. M. E. church, St. Louis, Mo., while attending the general conference in Wilmington, N. C. last may. The substance of these charges are that Wm. Monroe Pressley married Susan A. Richie of Abbeville, S. C., that after living with her several years he went traveling with a panorama. That he stopped in Texas and married another woman, dufed her and skipped out again. That he changed his name to C. W. Preston, and turns up next a leading A. M. E. minister and a formidable candidate for the Bishopric, while a third wife clings to his arm. It has now been seven months since these accusations were first made against this shinning light in our pulpits, and yet not a line has yet appeared from him to deny the charges. It might have been argued at first that the charges were not specific enough for him to answer, but since the publishing of Elder Johnson's letter, this excuse no longer obtains. With such scandalous accusations as these against him set forth so specifically and directly, how can Dr. Preston remain silent if he is not guilty. Nothing would be easier than to disprove the whole story if it be false. But his friends say he cannot be called upon to prove his innocence since every man is innocent until he is proven guilty. Yes, that is true before the law, but is not true before the higher court of public opinion nor before God. How easy it would be for Dr. Preston to give us a short account of his life, naming his birthplace and parentage where he has lived and what vocations he has followed before entering the ministry, naming a few witnesses as he goes along. If he is innocent of the heinous crimes charged against him such an autobiography would be hailed with delight by the entire church and all lovers of justice. Would not this be a thousand-fold better than to have a committee, a thousand miles away from the accuser declare him innocent on the technical ground, that the evidence produced was not sufficient to prove guilt. Why was not the evidence sufficient? Was the accuser notified of the trial? Did she have any opportunity to present witnesses? In fact, could any honest investigation be made by that committee in so short a time?

Even had the accuser been notified, had that poor woman money to spend traveling two thousand miles to appea against a false husband, who has long ago ceased to be anything to her. What would she gain by his conviction? Nothing whatever—the church would be the only beneficiary. Must Bishop Gaines come all way from California to appear against Dr. Preston in Missouri? What personal interest has he in the matter? None whatever. If he did as he is accused of doing, uncover the doctor at the general conference when he saw that there was real danger of a bigamist being elected to the episcopacy, he certainly did a Christian act and saved the church an eternal disgrace. But he did his duty and had no money to spend traveling two thirds of the width of the continent to persecute a brother for breaking the laws of God and the church, when there were plenty near by who could do that as well as he.

Notwithstanding these patent facts he is discharged after a sham trial. Such trials are common in criminal court practice, when there is money and influence enough behind the accused, and the murderer or thief may rejoice and receive the congratulations of his friends, for his escape of the gallows or the penitentary, but should an innocent man of God, accused of such black crime rejoice in an acquittal that did not carry with it the sanction of an honest and searching effort to reach the truth. But Dr. Henderson seeks to help Preston by charging that the fight against him was not actuated by pure motives.

This may or may not be true, but what has that to do with the facts? The truth is the truth, even if Satan tells it. Shall we let the bigamist go on disgracing the church and representing us before the world, simply because some bad man perchance first called attention to his crime? But if his accusers are so bad why does not Dr. Henderson, in his great efforts to reform the church, turn his pen loose at them instead of wasting time defending Preston. Dr. Preston is the only man in the world who can properly defend himself and he can do it with perfect satisfaction to the entire church, (if innocent) by simply giving us his autobiography.

Dr. Henderson in The Freeman of Nov. 28th, tries to scare off Dr. Preston's accusers by saying: "It is said that some one has a list on which is recorded heinous charges of unchastity against most all those who lead off to drive Preston from Wilmington." This sounds exceedingly weak for a man of his ability. It reminds me of the little boy who protects himself from the teacher's lash when threatened by his playmate by saying: "Never mind I know something on you too and if you tell on me I'll tell on you." It is time for us to get away from these juvinile methods. If we really want the ministry purified and the pulpit restored to the place of influence and power it once occupied, and should always maintain; let us be manly men, with swords unsheathed against evil, especially immorality and intemperance wherever it is seen. When these evils are charged upon some of our friends let us not rush to his defence before he has made an effort to defend himself. Sometimes in our annual conferences a brother is accused of crime sufficient to send a man to the penitentiary, and as soon as the charge is made some noted conference criminal lawyer rush to his defense. They begin to fight on technicalities, and often before the man has ever been called upon to plead guilty or not guilty, they succeed in having the indictment quashed. Then they boast of a great victory won when the truth is, that the devil is the victorious one, and this they well know.

Recently I was called upon to defend a brother minister accused of a serious crime. Contrary to the common rule of attorneys, I took the brother out and asked him for all the facts in the case, assuring him that I could not undertake to defend him until he convinced me of his innocence. This rule I have always maintained, and shall always continue to do so. Dr. Preston's friends may hurt their anathemas at Bishop Gaines and court sympathy by crying "jealousy," but unless Preston gives the public a history of his life and sets himself straight, the future church will praise Bishop Gaines for his humble efforts in defeating such an aspirant for episcopal honors.

What would the church do with a Bishop whom one little woman could run out of South Carolina by simply appearing before him, while another could keep him out of Texas by notifying him that she was still living. If Bishop Gaines saw the threatened scandal to the episcopal bench and turned it away; every member of the church who believes in morality should thank him for his noble act. Now, if Dr. Preston is innocent let him come forward with his autobiography and every one of us will heartily rejoice, but if he still declines to set himself right he should get out of the pulpit that he may no longer disgrace his church and race.

D. A. Graham,
Bethel A. M. E. Church,
Indianapolis, Ind

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B. Square's Bluster.

Brother R. W. Thompson, who, like the subscriber, enjoys with a few others, the distinction of being a staff correspondent of The Freeman (which distinction is an honor with a big "H,") called me down—to use the language of the street—for tacking "Prof." to his name. I plead "not guilty," and quietly lay the sin at the door of The Freeman and that of Dr. J. M. Henderson. The Freeman of Oct. 24th prefixes the following headlines to its leading article on the first page, to-wit: "How to Promote society—Should class lines be drawn? Where? When? By whom? Time the great leveler is the architect—American prejudices—Reply to Prof. Lewis by Prof. R. W. Thompson, Washington, D. C." I did not take the above as a criterion, as I know that errors far, far more serious too often occur in the "setting up" of the best regulated newspapers. I like, as a rule, to be original, or at least as near so as a writer can be, still now and then I am forced to follow in some other penman's footsteps, and I have heretofore always felt safe to follow the pathway blazed by Dr. J. M. Henderson. In The Freeman of Nov. 7 in an article under the headlines of "The Real Social Classes," the good doctor says in his opening paragraph. * * "I have just read Prof. Thompson's classic article and feel like chipping in a little. Prof. Thompson writes with great care, etc.," The story is fresh in the minds of many of our readers about the backwoods school marm who did not believe in letting pupils spoil simply to save birch rods, asked the school one day, "Who discovered America?" No one seemed to know, but all eyes pointed to Will Jones the bad boy of the school. "Who discovered America, Will Jones?" She again asked in tones of thunder. Poor Will with tears in his eyes and shaking with fear stood up and pleadingly remarked "Please marm, teacher, I didn't do it." Like the mythical Will Jones, I rise to say: Please Bro. Thompson, I didn't start the "Prof." business; I expressed my opinion about our "great" "eminent" "Doctors" "Professors" and "Honorables" in an article in The Freeman three years ago. My opinion then as now, was the same as expressed by Bro. Thompson in his recent letter in The Freeman.

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The glad days of Christmas and New Years have passed, and we hope that each reader of "Bluster" made a personal sacrifice to make some outsider happy. It is all very well to make our own folks happy during holidays; it is both a pleasure and a duty. We will, however, get another star added to our crown by making some outsider—Tom, Dick or Harry happy at perhaps a personal sacrifice. I had intended to spend upon myself this Christmas $45. I learned a few days ago of the sufferings, needs and wants of several worthy colored people in Brooklyn; I made a sacrifice and aided them. I bought two old poor people a ton of coal each; I bought $10 worth of groceries for three destitute families. I paid a poor man's rent who was out of work, and was about to be disposessed with his sick wife. I will not be able to do what I intended to do for myself, still I am happy and can truthfully say this was one of the merriest Christmases and happiest New Years of the forty-two I have seen. I have helped folks far worse off than myself to be happy. "Go thou and do likewise."

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With all the unneedful mistakes of the race, with all its peculiarities, in face of all the political and business wrongs certain Negroes of note have done to me in the past year, to say nothing of the past twenty years with all the faults of the race in general and certain "business"—Negroes who have lied to me in particular, I still love my race and like to see it advance. "Darkest America," with all thy faults (and they are scores and scores) I love thee still. It is therefore with pride and pleasure that I can truthfully record the fact the Negro is making his way upon the stage, not as a Jim Crow or "plantation darkey" but as an actor. In the past month I have been to high class plays of the day where Negroes have held more than their own, and as actors (not supes) did credit to themselves and the race. Our future gets brighter and brighter.

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With the new year, turn over a new leaf. Resolve, that you will take The Freeman for the year (and pay in advance) and get your friend and your friend's friend to do likewise. Resolve, that you will save at least one-third of your earnings during the year of 1897 Resolve, that you will be a better every day man or woman, boy or girl, youth or maiden than you were during the old year of 1896; (by "better" I do not strictly mean from a church point of view.) Resolve, that during the incoming year you will strive hard to do something to make the world in general and the colored people in particular better from the fact that you lived during the year.

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I am not given to self-praise, still truth is simply truth. A white literary friend who is well posted in the doings of the "brother in black" says that Dr. J. M. Henderson, R. W. Thompson, Augustus M. Hodges, Alice Ruth Moore, Edward Elmore Broch, Charles Sumner Smith (unknown to me) the unknown editor of The Freeman and the editor of another Afro-American newspaper are the greatest writers and thinkers of the race, and if their writings and teachings were followed to the letter, the so-called Negro problem would soon be solved. He asked me: "What will be the outcome of these 'great' race writer's teachings?" I ask the question over, as I cannot answer it, "What will the harvest be?"

B. Square.

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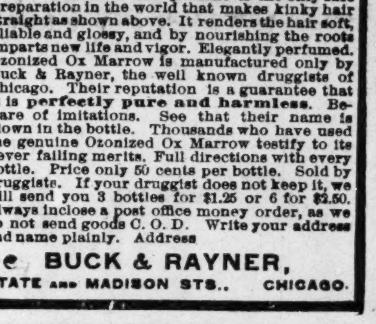

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In New Orleans, adjacent to the Cathedral of St. Louis, at the corner of Orleans and Royal streets, stands an extensive brick building, the mother house of the Congregation of the Holy Family, one of the two sisterhoods of colored women in the United States. The building is on the site of the old Orleans Theatre, famous before the war as the scene of quadroon balls. The old ball room is now used as a dormitory, after having served at one time as a chapel. The entrance has remained unchanged, except for a few wooden partitions placed in the rear of the two massive pillars which mark the opening to a marble-paved hall beyond, where a broad flight of solid walnut stairs leads to the floor above. On this floor is a newly built chapel, a memorial to Tony Lafron, the Negro philanthropist, who, besides many benefactions bestowed on the sisterhood during his life, made a large bequest to it in his will.

The order was founded in New Orleans in November 21, 1842, by Miss Harriet Delisle, Miss Juliette Gaudin, Miss Josephine Charles and Miss Allcot, under the supervision of Father Rousselon, then vicar-general, and with the approbation of Archbishop Blanc. The wealth of the founders was partly inherited and partly the earnings of their labor. They belonged to the class then known as free women of color. Two were native born—Miss Delisle and Miss Charles. Miss Alicot had crossed the ocean, coming from France, and the fourth, Miss Gaudin, was from Cuba. The first purpose of the order was simply to teach the catechism to young and old colored women, and to prepare them for their first communion. The work has broadened greatly since then. In 1848 a home for aged and infirm women was established, and in 1863 an addition was made for men. This asylum for the aged has recently been removed to a comfortable new building at the corner Tonti and Hospital streets. Its present number of inmates is fifty. Next the asylum of St. John Berchman the patron of the order, was opened for girls. It adjoins the mother house and here are fostered ninety-eight children, from little babies only a few days old to girls of seventeen. Attached to it is an academy for girls, which now has on its roll 153 boarders. Besides the academy the sisterhood conducts flourishing day schools for boys and girls in four localities in the French districts. It has also an asylum for boys, established in 1893, which now contains forty-three inmates. There are houses established in Opelousas, Donaldsville and Baton Rouge, in each of which are large schools.

The present Mother Superior of the order is Mother Austin, in the world Miss Mary Ellen Jones. Her assistant is Mother Ursula, who is also mistress of novices. The entire community at present consists of sixty-five sisters.

On a recent occasion, when the taking of the veil drew together a large number of the friends of the sisterhood it was noticed that among the five hundred women there were very few purely black. Nine young girls took vows for life and seven became novices. Of these sixteen, five only were without the white tincture. The minority were from Louisiana; the others from different states and distant countries. One came from Spain, another from British Honduras, two from Mexico, and four from Baltimore. The taking of the veil by the colored sisters is a far less elaborate ceremony than that customary elsewhere. The newly elect wore the traditional bridal toilettes, trailing gowns of soft wool, with tulle veils and orange blossoms. The simple office of reception was proceeded by high mass and followed by the benediction of the holy sacrament. Two bishops, eight priests and ten acolytes officiated. The choir was composed entirely of Afro-Americans, and the music was more than acceptable.

During the reception of these girls into the sisterhood a sister was pointed out whose history, if general reports is to be believed, is of unusual interest. It seems that she was sent to a convent school in the North when a child by her father. Her education having been completed she made her debut in Washington and for one season was a belle there. She became engaged to the son of a very prominent politician, but shortly before the time appointed for the marriage her father's death occured. Then it developed that her mother, who was still alive, was an octoroon. It is said that she sent for her betrothed and told him of the fact, breaking the engagement. He went to India where he remained three years. He returned with the determination of making her his wife. He found that she had taken the veil only a month before and was one of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

The only other order of colored sisters is that of the Oblates of Providence, whose mother house is in Baltimore. There are two colored priests in the United States—the Rev. Father Tolton, of Chicago, and the Rev. Father Uncles, of Baltimore. With the Benedictines of Selma, Ala., there are several colored brothers.

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E. R. Overall has been a letter-carrier in Omaha, Neb., for 25 years.

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Henry Alexander has been appointed clerk of the Probate Court of Columbus, Ohio.

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Bishop Gaines recently presided over the first annual conference ever held in Oklahoma.

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Hon. E. H. Morris and Miss Jessie D. Montgomery, both of Chicago, were married on the 16th.

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Mrs. Lucy Thurman was tendered a reception recently by the Afro-American Womans Club of St. Louis.

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John H. Dillingham & Co. have opened a wood and coal office at 377 Robert street, St. Paul, Minn., with G. J. Charleston as manager.

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From the Hawkins county (Tenn.) marble quarries an old colored man who regularly hauls the output to Whitesburg drew the other day a block weighing 25,200 pounds. He used 12 mule teams.

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Gen. Pueyo of the Spanish army in the last revolution, was a Negro and, according to the New York Sun, fully 1,000 are in Weyler's present force in Cuba, while 5,000 are in the ranks of the insurgents, patriots.

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The Lynch faction of the Republican party met at Jackson, Miss. the 17th ult., for a discussion of the situation and to work out a plan for securing unto themselves a fair division of patronage by the incoming administration.

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It is now resonably certain that at the coming meeting of the National Assembly of the League of the American Wheelman the fight over the color line will be again precipitated. Some years ago the question of admitting colored riders caused a great stir in the cycling world, and, in fact, came near causing a split in the league. There was nothing in the constitution against the admittance of Negro riders, but the Southern members threatened to withdraw from the league if colored people were admitted.

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Though thrice ten times his patriot corps
  Around him rise on every side;
Though trochas run from shore to shore,
  From northern cliffs to Southern tide;
Undaunted still the leader true
  Defiance hurls at Spain's base crew.

Oh, craven act of coward foe,
  Who trambled while they hedged him round
And shrank to strike a manly blow;
  For gold a traitor base was found,
To skulk where brake and bramble grew,
  And do the deed they dare not do.

A million swords are flashing bare,
  To avenge the hero basely slain;
A million freemen burn to share.
  The perils of the Spanish main,
And hurl the bloody pirate host,
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  When fredom trembles in the scale?
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Arouse and sweep the Antilles,
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Many subscribers' time expired the first of the year. We will continue to send papers during this month, but all delinquent names will be dropped after that date. Do not wait, but send us $1 and secure The Freeman for 52 weeks.

A MEMORIAL OF FRED. DOUGLASS.

The city council of Boston has done itself honor by its act in having printed and distributed one thousand excellently bound volumes in memory of the late Frederick Douglass. The eulogy, which is the main feature, is by Hon. Albion Tourgee, who was selected for his fine literary attainments as well as for his personal and extended acquaintance with Mr. Douglass. Richard T. Greener, a long time friend of Douglass, accepted an invitation from the committee from the council for this occasion, to give some personal reminiscences of Douglass. These gentlemen, assisted by the Dumas Quartette, appeared before the Mayor, City Council, city officials, members of the Douglass family, the survivors of the old Anti-Slavery Society and the many prominent colored people of Boston and vicinity. Alderman Allen, as chairman, made fitting remarks. Rev. D. P. Roberts opened with a prayer. Mr. Richard T. Greener delivered an eloquent and interesting address, which was received with favor by the audience. The eulogy by Tourgee is in full. It is a masterly oration, dealing with contemporaneous history as well as the life of Douglass, which served more as the guiding thread of a theme than otherwise. The prayer of Rev. D. P. Roberts is also in full. It is a grand song, worthy to be uttered by any man; a living inspiration even in the silence of the cold page. The city council of Boston has done well in publishing and sending broadcast these copies at their own expeuse. It is these little acts of humanity shown by the other race that tends to lessen the burden of life for the Negro. The secret of finding the philosopher stone with the race is just such a display of magnaminity. Long live the council of Boston.

INDIANA IN THE CAMPAIGN.

Among the notable figures that helped mould sentiment in the last campaign, sentiment that beat back the threatened avalanche of free silverism, must be placed the names of Hons. Chas. W. Fairbanks, John K. Gowdy, Jesse E. Overstreet, Chas. L. Henry, Lewis Wallace and Addison C. Harris. To these true and tried Republicans unstinted praise should be given. Their ceaseless work from the incipiency of the campaign to its very eventful close, marks an epoch in the history of campaigning in the state of Indiana. It is needless to say that after Benjamin Harrison, Fairbanks stands as the most popular national character of this state. His selection as temporary chairman at St. Louis and the universal favorable comment on his ability, manners, appearance and general fitness stamped him at once a national idol as well as a favorite son. Ere long Mr. Fairbanks, it is safe to conclude, will be in the lists for higher honors than that of being a United States Senator. Better things await our intrepid Congressmen, Henry and Overstreet, who have already proven themselves highly acceptable to the people, and especially to their party. Gen. Lew Wallace is a most prominent figure who long stood well up in the councils of the state. He has not been much of an office seeker, preferring the seclusion of his Crawfordsville home pursuing literary studies. Mr. Gowdy has done his work well as prime mover in Republican affairs for several years. The administration will doubtless see to it that the blessings conferred will not escape Mr. Gowdy. His endeavor to bring about harmony, when to be otherwise than harmonious was perilous, will not be forgotten. His success has proven the wisdom of his council. Mr. A. C. Harris was an instrument for much good by his logic and wit on the stump. He is a lawyer of unusual ability, who as a speaker, captivates his audience, holding them by the force of the impressive truths uttered and his pleasing manner of delivery. These and many more played a conspicuous part in the last campaign that sat the state so emphatically in the Republican column. The laymen are not to be forgotten, for they, marshalled by the fine array of leaders, were not slow in filing in, and doing their duty as it became intelligent citizen of an enlightened Republic.

THE AMERICAN NEGRO.

What will the people of Canada say when the British Lion informs them that in Washington, D. C., the Y. M. C. A., a so-called christian association, positively refuses to membership Negro applicants for membership. Such a thing would not be tolerated in the the dominion of Canada, but in the United States, God deliver us from it, its a common thing. The American Negro has shown himself to be a coward; he suffers his race to be burnt to the stake, lynched, etc., and no protest. He should treat his foes to a dose of hot shot. Take his part, but what does a Negro amount to in the United States? And this is the notorious country that wishes to be annexed to Canada. Out with this uncivilized country!—British Lion.

It seems that the Negroes of Canada have an easy lot. They congratulate themselves, and thank God that they are not as other Negroes. We American Negroes will not envy the superior conditions enjoyed by the Canadians, but on the contrary rejoice to know that there is some territory in the universe where color or previous condition does not serve as a bar to any or all rights to which citizenship is entitled. The invitation to treat our neighbors to a dose of hot shot, will be taken under advisement, owing to the distant location of the advisor.

PROF. TIMOTHY TRICKY FORTUNE.

Talking about the editor of the Age, and the political prospects which cause him no sleepless nights, the Indianapolis Freeman says:

> "But the ghost of by-gone days are still stalking, silently repeating, 'T. Thomas 'tis not yet time.'"

"Ghost" and not "by-gone days," is the subject of the sentence, and the verb should be in the singular and not in the plural number. Go to school.—New York Age.

Prof. Fortune has turned school master, having discovered that "ghost" was minus an "s," and after having considered that all the facts were regular enough, he decided to spring this technicality. But that's what professors are for; they must screw and twist to make a case or lose their jobs. Yet it does seem a trifle pedantic or learned on the professor's part to be so infinite in his erudition. He evidently knew that "ghosts" was the subject and not "ghost" as he says. Thomas is wiley; he neeeds watching.

Ex-Governor Pinchback addressed the Emancipation meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 1st. He was interviewed at his hotel, expressing himself freely on all of the current topics. He is in sympathy with Cuba. He does not take stock in the President's policy. Mark Hanna, he thinks, is a wonderful man, whose place is at the head of the Republican party.

Don't wait 'til to-morrow but send $1 for one year's subscription.

THAT CAKE WALK.

The citizens of Hamilton witnessed one of the most disgraceful entertainments ever seen in this city. This show was attended by disreputable white and black men, and to the shame of the Negroes who took part in the affair, the British Lion makes haste to separate the respectable members of the Negro race from those who took part in this circus. Cake walks will do in the United States where they don't know any better, but they will not be tolerated in this country.—Britist Lion.

We take violent exceptions to that portion of the above article reading, "Cake walks will do in the United States, where they don't know any better." Cake walks are no more indigenous to the soil of the United States than they are to the Canada. The editor must have been in a testy humor when he wrote so sweepingly denunciatory of everything pertaining to Negroes in this country as shown in the two articles quoted. The good people of this country, like the good people of Hamilton, have nothing in common with cake walks. They have sins far more common than those of indulging in the promiscuous promenades to answer for. Not only for more common, but far more hurting. Canada is no more favorably blessed than the United States in this particular. Cake walks are as rare in this country as in righteous Canada. In fact there are millions of people who never saw one. We feel, after all, that the great crime attached to cake walks is the resurrection of supposed obsolete manners, manners distinctly pointing out a distinct people; and if there is anything that gets close to the modern Negro, it is the reminder of past associations and tribulations. We know of nothing that has been so virulently assailed as cake walks. The Negro minstrels with features far more grotesque are permitted, but a cake walk calls for excommunication then and there for all concerned. We would not defend cake walks, nor any travesty or burlesque on the race, yet it is amusing to note the effect that the difference in a name will make.

A NOVEL CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Colored American, of Washington, D. C., has made its number of January 2d noted for its wonderful Christmas tree, laden with riches lavishly served to the hungry expectants. Among the many thousand gifts it bestows, it reserves to Indiana:

George L. Knox, Indiana, the "pick" of the good things the Hoosier state is sure to get.

Wm. M. Lewis, Indiana, a place in the foreground of Afro-American editorial writers.

Dr. S. A. Elbert, Indiana, chairmanship of Board of Pension Examiners in his bailiwick.

W. Allison Sweeney, Indiana, a Blackstonian sheepskin and a gall-tipped editorial quill.

G. L. Jones, Indiana, the repeal of the Hoosier state's miscegenation laws.

A. E. Manning, Indiana, assurance of Bryan's nomination and election in 1900.

It very considerately sets aside for other worthies:

H. C. Smith, Ohio, Consulship to Tamatave, Madigascar, and a chance to get even with "Larph" and his sympathizers

John P. Green, Ohio, the Haytien Mission.

John S. Durham, Pennsylvania, Consulship to Santo Domingo.

P. B. S. Pinchback, Louisiana, the Brazilian Mission.

B. K. Bruce, District of Columbia and country-at-large, a richly upholstered chair beside the McKinley Cabinet table.

John R. Lynch, Mississippi, Fourth Auditorship of the Treasury.

E. E. Cooper, the "glad hand" from a few more journalists who are broad enough to give genius its due in less than ten years of preliminary practice.

R. W. Thompson, a journalistic eye that continues a preference for observing the good qualities of his fellow man, rather than parading faults and foibles.

John C. Dancy, North Carolina, Collectorship of the port of Wilmington.

J. Q. Adams, Minnesota, anything he wants in the vicinity of the Mississippi head-waters.

D. Augustus Straker, Michigan, a snug berth from the national administration by way of rebuke to the narrow headedness of his envious local contemporaries.

James Hill, Mississippi, the best collectorship in sight.

N. W. Cuney, Texas, his same old "job" at Galveston and a re-inforcement of former glory as a race leader.

J. E. Bruce, New York, the laureatship of Afro-American correspondents.

E. H. Hackley, Denver, Col., plenty of free silver at 16 to 1.

R. T. Greener, New York, Commissionership of Education.

T. Thomas Fortune, New York, censorship of things in general.

The request of Mr. Cooper is modest enough:

> "Then strike! strike with willing hands,
> Brace up and heed his just demands;
> Scribbler of very fame, hail we,
> Whose name doth fill the whole countrie."
> —[A la Rudyard Kipling.

MAN OR MYTH?

We publish in another column of this issue, a letter dated "Marble Falls, Tex., Jan. 1, '97," and signed "Noah Baxter." Perhaps Uncle Noah is someone writing under a literary mask, but so long as his letters are either amusing or instructive, clear cut and not personal to a degree not allowed to correspondents of a high class newspapers, we will continue to publish them and the replies to the same. If "Uncle Noah" is a man—an old timer of anti-bellum days—why should not his opinion be heard? If he is some new up-to-date (?) humorist, why should we not enjoy his humor? If not, why not?

The Christmas edition of the Indianapolis Freeman was a triumph for Afro-American journalism.—The Afro-American Sentinel.

The legislative season is on, and with it a host of the faithful who are willing to perform the numerous little odds and ends concurrent with legislative life.

It is inspiring to learn that there were many efforts made throughout the country to perpetuate the Emancipation Proclamation day.

We are under obligations to Hon. R. T. Greener for a copy of the one thousand volumes published by the council of Boston in memory of Frederick Douglass.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox, the proprietor of the Indianapolis Freeman, is an applicant for Recorder of Deeds under the incoming administration. He has our vote to start with, and we hope President McKinley may think as we do. As Recorder, we believe Col. Knox will will be an eminent success.—Southern Christian Advocate.

The Freeman's Christmas number was one of the handsomest issues of the year. Besides the regular edition elaborately decorated with Christmas designs and cuts of distinguished personages, there was a four-page supplement, and all was replete with bright, newsy articles from the pens of some of our ablest writers. The Enterprise extends congratulations.—Omaha Enterprise.

THE PAST AND THE PRESENT.

Concluded from First Page.

ton and Drs. Curtis and Mansifee. An enjoyable evening with music and the poets was spent, after which a sumptuous banquet was served. Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers know how to entertain their friends, and no one ever regrets spending an evening with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Thomas of 100 South Chaning avenue, gave a reception to about forty of their friends last Friday, at which all present were entertained in a most delightful manner.

Mr. Charles Turner, the efficient and genial Sargeant-at-arms of the city Council, was surprised by twenty-five or thirty Forum Club members last evening, and a pleasent evening was the natural result.

Mrs. Mary Miner, 2119 Lucas avenue, gave a New Years reception to her many friends last evening. Beautiful strains of music and choice viands caused all present to acknowledge the entertaining powers of Mrs. Miner.

Christmas Exercises.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Lula Brown of Benton Harbor, Mich., was the guest of Misses Grace and Pearl Winburn Dec. 26th. Misses Grace, Lulu and Mary Winburn attended the funeral of Ida Roberts the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts of Lauriner, Mich., Dec. 21st. Christmas exercises held by the Second Baptist, church had a very enjoyable time. The young folks gave a surprise on Mrs. E. W. Young Christmas eve. Mrs. Mattie Simsom spent a few days in the country with friends and relatives. Miss Eva and brother John are spending the holidays with their sister, Miss Gertrude of Cass county. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bass spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bass last week in Arlington. Mrs. John Robbins of Kalamazoo, is at the home of Mrs. Aaron Bronett. Mrs. Aaron Bronett took dinner Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hackley.

Opening of a Church.

Columbus, O., Special.

Richard Ball died under suspicious circumstances. His friends think that he may have taken poison. Mrs. Harper, of Third street, is on the sick list. Dr. J. Carey, of Cincinnati, is visiting Mrs. W. Patterson, of Ohio street. Dr. John Banks paid a flying visit to his mother. B. Jackson, who was found unconscious, died and was taken to Bellfountain, his home. Dean House arrivals: John Mahoney and wife, Mrs. Overton and daughters, Misses Daisey and Adah Harris, Cincinnati, O. Arthur Kennedy has departed for Philadelphia. I. D. Ross is on the sick list. Watch meeting at St. Paul church was fairly well attended and the services were very interesting. The first Sabbath of the new year the Second Baptist church members took possession of their new edifice at Rich and Third streets, which, with a small outlay, will make it compare with others of the city. The altar was beautifully decorated with flowers. Morning services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Troud, of Cincinnati, assisted by all the pastors in the city, and Elder Randolf of Chillicothe, O. During their morning, afternoon and evening services, there was a grand rally to help liquidate their debt. The handsome sum of $378 was raised.

Demise of a Divine.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Hal Jordan, of Wabash, spent Sunday here, the guest of Mrs. Edward Russell. Miss Crownon, of Huntion, is visiting Miss Elnora Russell. Isaac Collins of Marion, spent Sunday in the city. Rev. J. W. Johnson departed this life Jan. 4th, at 7 a. m. He leaves a wife to mourn his death. Miss Lillie Pettiford returned home from Ft. Wayne, where she spent the holidays. John Williams has accepted a position in Harris & Jones' barber shop. Sunday was song service at the A. M. E. church. Choir No. 2 rendered the music. There were some very entertaining papers. E. Winslow read a paper, subject, "The Power of God," which was very interesting. The week of prayer began at the A. M. E. church on the night of the 4th. The concert and supper given by the members and friends of the A. M. church, was a grand success, netting $18.30.

OLIVE BRANCH OF PEACE

IS EXTENDED BY DR. RANSOM—CHASTISES HENDERSON.

Myer's Prominence—Mark Hanna's Confidence in His Ability—How He Came to Attend the St. Louis Convention.

Editor Freeman:

Aim high, has always been cosidered good advice to give to the ambitious and aspiring; aim at something you can hit is perhaps better advice. The many sided discussion in regard to a Negro in the cabinet still proceeds merrily. Following the wake of the good article of Honorable C. H. J. Taylor in the Christmas number of The Freeman, Dr. John Henderson, of New York, in last week's issue, discourses in his usual able incisive manner upon the same subject; but in the discussion of names which the doctor mentions in connection with high honors, he does what is doubtless an unintentional injustice to a most worthy and estimable gentleman, the gentleman in question being Mr. George A. Myers, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Henderson is a personal friend of mine; Mr. Myers is also a personal friend of mine, and my apology for writing in this connection is that I am thoroughly conversant with all the facts. Dr. Henderson sneeringly alludes to Mr. Myers as "Mark Hanna's valet", and again as "Mark Hanna's barber." Dr. Henderson is too much a lover of fair play to intentionally place Mr. Myers before the world in any such false light. The inference that he seems to draw is that Mr. Myers' only claim to prominence lies in the fact that he is Mr. Hanna's valet. We shall see.

Mr. Myers is one of the most prominent and highly respected of the Afro-American business men in Cleveland, Ohio. He must plead guilty to being a barber and conducting a barber shop, but it is a shop which is palatial in all its appointments and which probably nets him the neat sum of three or four thousand dollars a year. Like the distinguished owner and propriter of The Freeman, he has dignified the profession of a Negro barber and has built up a business which is a credit to himself and to the race, as an example worthy of the imitation of the many Negro barbers who are running slovenly little hair oil joints all over the country and who are rapidly being driven from business, a business which a few years ago was almost entirely monoplized by the Negroes. But go to the better barber shops of the country now and look for the Negro, you will discover that he has been chased clear back in the corner—you will find him there blacking boots.

General Harrison is a resident of Indianapolis, the Hon. George L. Knox conducts a barber shop in Indianapolis. If General Harrison, not being a Populist, desired his beard cropped or his hair trimmed and visited Mr. Knox's shop for the purpose, he would certainly receive every attention. Mark Hanna is a resident of Cleveland, Mr. George A. Myers conducts a barber shop in Cleveland. If Mr. Hanna should patronize Mr. Myers' shop, desiring service in the line of his profession, he would certainly receive every attention, but because these men conduct a successful business and may happen to have distinguished patrons surely this is no reason why any aspirations they may have should be thrown out of court. Such men as Knox and Myers, who have made a success of business enterprises are doing more to solve the race problem and more truly represents the race at its best, and in my judgment, are far more worthy of recognition than the swarm of Negro statemen who are just now pining to sacrifice themselves upon the alters of their country's service, and whose chief claim for recognition, as we see it, lies in the fact that they have never stood alone, or walked alone in any business enterprise, and therefore, must be taken care of. The secret of the influence which Myers has with Mark Hanna does not lie in the fact that he may perhaps betimes have shaved the lather from the rotund and good natured face of "Uncle Mark", but rather in the fact that Myers is one of the few whose tact, shrewdness, sagacity and sterling honesty have been tried and proven. He is not only in the confidence of Mr. Hanna but of nearly every leading politician in Cleveland, Ohio, and for that matter, throughout the state, for he is also a close and trusted friend of Ex-Governor Foraker.

Mr. Myers represented the state of Ohio as delegate-at-large in the Republican National Convention of 1892 and was a staunch supporter of the nomination of Major McKinley at that time for the presidency, and from then until now has been unswerving in his devotion and unsparing in his efforts to secure the nomination and election of Major McKinley to the presidency. Again, in the spring of 1895 he was sent as a delegate-at-large to the convention at Zanesville, O., which nominated Asa Bushnell for Governor of Ohio, and pledge to work for the election of a legislature favorable to the election of ex-Governor J. B. Foraker to the Senate of the United States.

Many of the Negroes who are holding the most prominent and lucrative political positions in Ohio owe their success to the influence of Mr. Myers. Mr. Myers does not belong to that class of Negro politicians who seek office or money as a reward for service in the party's cause. Such men as McKinley, Foraker, Hanna, James H. Hoyt, the Chauncey Depew of Ohio, have learned that Myers is trustworthy and reliable, and therefore, they have come to trust him. For weeks before the St. Louis convention, and from the time that Major McKinley was nominated there until his triumphant election in November, there was scarcely a week that I did not see Mr. Hanna personally, quite frequently at his own request, both at his office in Cleveland and at the National Headquarters here in Chicago.

Both in its preparatory stages and throughout all of the stormy weeks of the battle for sound money and protection—we state what we know to be a fact when we say that few men, white or black, and that no Negro in the country, except Bishop Arnett, stood as close to Mark Hanna or was often called in counsel or so valued as an adviser as George A. Myers of Cleveland, O. What I here state is very well known by such men as Hon. J. Madison Vance, of Louisiana, Hon. James Hill of Mississippi, Judge Raymond, of Pennsylvania, Richard T. Greener, of New York, and F. L. Barnett of Chicago. Mr. Myers was called not in the capacity of either valet or barber, but as a trusted lieutenant in the Republican ranks.

When Mr. Hanna sought for men to go to St. Louis in whose hands the interests of Major McKinley would be safe, he chose Bishop Arnett and Geo. A. Myers and the direction of his interests among our people were almost entirely given into their hands. What they said went as scores of men who were at the St. Louis Convention can testify. I was born in Ohio and have spent thirty years of my life upon Buckeye soil. To the quarrels of leading Negro politicians in Ohio, I do not refer, save to say, that there is a world of misinformation in regard to the true state of affairs in that commonwealth of presidential timber and aspiring statesmen. There are many Negroes there worthy of any recognition which the incoming administration is likely to bestow, but Mr. Myers does not seek nor could he afford to accept any appointment which a Negro from Ohio is likely to receive at the hands of Governor McKinley. We have stated these things not alone for Dr. Henderson's information, but that The Freeman's large circle of readers might have a clearer picture of the place which an unassuming young business man holds in the esteem of the leading statesmen and politicians in Ohio. What has been said about the iufluence of The Freeman in regard to its contribution to Republican success in the late campaign, is not over stated, and if recognition is to be bestowed as a reward for distinguished service in our recent political contest, the state of Indiana and the proprietor of The Freeman should not be among the least to receive handsome acknowledgements.

Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom,
Bethel A. M. E. Church,
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2, 1897.

P. S.—It occurs to me to add, that many of our bishops, statesmen, ministers, lawyers, doctors etc., have been roustabouts, barbers, waiters, bootblacks or porters. It is to say the least bad taste for the young Negroes of this new and better time to cast sneers or reflections upon the men who have risen on who are struggling to rise, from lowly walks to honor and to fame, not spurning the rounds of the ladder by which they have assended. No one now dares assert that Lincoln, the rail splitter, or Grant, the tanner, or Garfield of the canal boat was ridiculous.

New Years' Entertainment.

Niles, Mich., Special.

The entertainment given at the A. M. E. church on New Year's night, by local talent, was a grand success. The Young Mens' Musical club rendered several selections. Chas. Campbell, a Democrat, while in an argument with George Hathaway, a Republican, on the late silver question, fired a shot at Hathaway, but the ball missed its mark. Campbell is under arrest. William Curtis, of Elkhart, was home to spend New Years. Jessie Carter has completed painting and decorating the rooms in the Belknap block, and it shows what good workmanship can be done by one of our race. Success to our young painter. Mrs. Geo. Stewart and children, of Dowagaic, Mich., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Harrod.

Autumn Leaf Club Reception.

Peoria, Ill., Special.

The Autumn Leaf Club celebrated New Years by holding a reception afternoon and evening, at the residence of Mrs. Robert Smith. One hundred and fifty invited guests called. Receiving committee: Mrs. J. H. Conway, Mrs. H. C. Gibson, Mrs. Somers, and Mrs. Richardson; luncheon, ham sandwiches and coffee; attendants, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Tichnor, Mrs. Gilbert, assisted by Miss Waters, of Clinton, Ill.; Roman punch, attendants, Mrs. W. H. Starks, Mrs. Rob. Smith, assisted by Mrs. Benton, of Quincy, Ill.; Ice cream and Cake, attendants, Miss Howard, Miss Unice Allen, Miss Anderson, assisted by Miss Carrie Hall, of Hanibal, Mo. The Peoria Mandolin club furnished music for the occasion.

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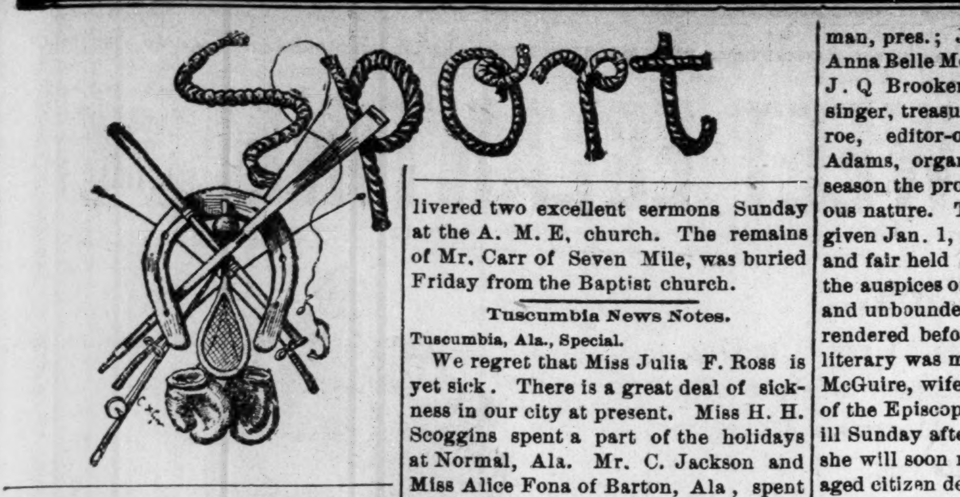

Jerry Marshall was awarded the decision in a fight with Howard Wilson, at the Suburban Road House, near Washington, D. C., evening of Dec. 22, the fight lasting through fifteen rounds.

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Frank Hart, the Chicago colored athlete, won the six-days' heel and toe walking match that ended at midnight Jan. 3, at St. Louis, Mo. He only led Hoagland by seven laps. Stephens, the local "ped" who finished third; Oddy, the Englishman, and Cowboy Smith of Denver failed to make the required 300 miles and will not come in on the division of gate receipts. The final score: Hart, 303 miles; 7 laps; Hoagland, 303 miles; Stephens, 292 miles; Oddy, 278 miles; Smith, 210 miles.

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The following is chronology of Pugilistic events by Negro professionals during the past year:

Bob Armstrong beat C. Strong, white, purse, 19r., 1h., 15m., N. Y. City, Dec. 21.

Jim Butler beaten by Strong, white.

Jim Butler draw with Payne, white.

Scott Collins, (Bright Eyes), beaten by Walcott.

Dick Case, white, beat R. Thompson, purse, 44r., 2h. 55m., Salt Lake, Utah, April 27.

Frank Craig, ("Harlem Coffee Cooler"), beat Duggan, $1,000, 12r., 47m., London, Eng., May 11th.

Tom Carter, fatally injured in fight with Thompson.

Duggan (Australia), beaten by Craig, London, Eng., May 22,

George Dixon, and M, Flaherty, white, 20r., 1h, 19m., draw, Boston, Mass., June 16.

George Dixon, and T. White, white, purse, 20r., 1h. 19m., draw, N. Y. City, Sept. 25.

Joe Walcott and W. Quinn, white, purse, 20r., 1h. 19m., draw, Woburn, Mass', May 29.

Joe Elliott, beaten by Gans.

Wiley Evans, beaten by Hall, white.

George Dixon, beaten by Ernest, white, Nov. 27th.

Joe Gans, beat J. Elliott, white, purse, 7r., 27m., Baltimore, Md., Jan. 17.

John H. Johnson, beaten by Bennett, white.

Jerry Marshall, beaten by Gans.

H. Wilson, beaten by Gans, 59m., near Washington, D. C.

Tom Palmer, white, made his initial public appearance in America, in a six round boxing bout with George Dixon, Madison Square Gardon, N. Y. City, Jan. 30.

Billy Quinn, beat C. Johnson, purse. 25r., 1h., Freeland, Pa., Jan. 30.

Walcott draw with W. Quinn.

Walcott beaten by Quinn.

Joe Roberts, beaten by Burney, white.

Tom Rooney, beaten by Bentley, white.

Wm. Sharp, beaten by Broderick, white.

R. Thompson, beaten by O'Neil.

Joe Walcott, beat S, Collins, white, purse, 7r., 27m., Long Island City, N. Y., March 16.

R. Thompson, beat T. Carter, purse. 12r., 47m., fatal to latter, Salt Lake Utah, July 28. Thompson was arrested, charged with murder; acquitted Oct. 24.

Joe Walcott fought a draw with West.

Tommy White, draw with Dixon.

Joe Walcott beat W. Quinn, white, purse, 17r., 1h.7m., Brooklyn, N. Y. Oct. 12.

Tommy West, white, and Joe Walcott, purse, 20r., 1h. 19m., draw. N. Y. City, Dec. 9.

Johnny Lavack, white, beaten by Dixon.

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Cupid on the Wing.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Rev. G. W. Hardiman and children are visiting relatives. Thorton Hines is seriously sick at his home. Master Oscar Harris has returned to his home in Logansport. Ezra Roberts has returned to Butler College. Last Monday at the residence of Rev. Ratliff, Miss Katie Newsome of this city, and Mr. George Price of Champaign, Ill., were united in wedlock. The groom and bride are both well respected citizens, the groom being a well to do citizen. They have our best wishes. The G. U. O. of O. F. and Houshold of Ruth held a public installation Thursday evening Dec. 31st. Grand Master Prof. Anderson and wife of Lafayette, were in attendance. Protracted meetings are in progress at Wayman A. M. E. Chapel. John Christy was master of ceremonies at the Odd Fellows installation. Messrs. Andy Ferguson, Thomas Scott and George Hill of Logansport, Frank Moss, George Stevenson, Walter Harris of Peru, were in the city Dec. 31st. Mrs. Maggie Gaskin is visiting relatives in Paoli, Ind.

Personal Mention—News Notes.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman spent New Years eve in Dayton, O., and New Years in Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. G. Dickerson entertained friends at a New Years dinner. An old fashion watch meeting was held at the A. M. E. and Baptists church on the 31st ult. Miss N. Terry spent last week with her mother. The Ladies Sewing Circle will meet Jan. 8th at the home of Mrs. Points. The Excelsior Literary Society rendered a very interesting program last Tuesday evening. Last Sunday being missionary day a very interesting program was rendered at the A. M. E. church. The D, of J. gave a reception at their hall the 1st inst. Rev. C. Coleman, financial agent of the Ontario Conference of the A. M. E. church, delivered two excellent sermons Sunday at the A. M. E, church. The remains of Mr. Carr of Seven Mile, was buried Friday from the Baptist church.

Tuscumbia News Notes.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

We regret that Miss Julia F. Ross is yet sick. There is a great deal of sickness in our city at present. Miss H. H. Scoggins spent a part of the holidays at Normal, Ala. Mr. C. Jackson and Miss Alice Fona of Barton, Ala, spent a part of the Christmas in our city. Prof. Trenholm visited Mr. C. Jackson and family of Barton, Ala., on the 27th and 28th of Dec. Miss C. M. Ross has returned from Normal, Ala. The teachers of Colbert county, held a very interesting and instructive institute meeting in our city on the 30th and 31st of Dec. Miss E. T. Brown read an excellent paper on "Teachers Vacation." Miss Brown is a teacher in our city school. Miss S. E. Noil, J. A. Summers, Mary Gray, Mrs. C. W. Corns and Prof. Hopkins, R. L. Hyde, B. J. Sterling, W. Abernathy, and J. M Morgan deserve special mention for their aid rendered the institute. Prof. G. W. Trenholm was chosen president and Miss J. A. Summers was elected secretary of the institute. Prof. G W. Trenholm made a flying trip to Courtland, Ala., and spoke to the Courtland, Academy on the morning of the 1st. The emancipation celebration held at the Baptist church on the 1st inst., was grand in every respect. The things made and exhibited by our people there would do credit to any race. Elder A. A. Sensobough delivered an excellent address at 3 p. m., during the celebration. Prof. G. W. Trenholm delivered an instructive and interesting speech at 7:20 p m., which was enjoyed by all. The addresses made by Rev. Sensobough and Prof. Trenholm, were delivered to more than 700 people.

Anthens News.

Anthens, Ala., Special.

Rev. M. S. Jones, pastor of the Congregational church, has been ill for the last week. Mr. Thomas Richardson who has been ill is better. The presence of D. L. Miller in the city is gratifying. Mr. Miller has purchased a wagon and Robert Love is breaking their pony. Mr. C. L. West of Coalsburg, Ala., is visiting relatives and friends in Athens. Miss Annie D. Mitchell, one of the former students of Trinity Hall, who has been attending school at Talladega College had to return on account of sickness. Trinity Hall has opened after a weeks vacation.

Wedding Bells.

Augusta, Ark., Special.

Mr. H. H. Spiller and Miss Louise McDonald was wedded by Rev. Dr. Munday. Prof. M. C. Blake spent the holidays at Wynne, Ark. Prof. McDade returned home from Mississippi. M. M. Stanton, the local pugilist of New Port, returned home visiting relatives and friends. Miss Milton Corley and Miss Elgirta Jones returned to school at Cotton Plant, Ark. Miss Laura Buffet left on the 5th inst., for Little Rock, where he will spend the ensuing term at the Arkansas Baptist College. Mrs. Julia Bufford has returned from Little Rock. Gus McMeely, the prominent barber, has returned from Missouri. John A. Conner and daughter spent the holidays at Cotton Plant, Ark. Miss Lena Saxton of Devallsbluff, is visiting her uncle, Monroe Raspberry. The emancipation celebration lecture was rendered by Rev. Munday, M. D., which was received with hearty congratulation, after which a supper was served consisting of hard tack and beans for the old soldiers.

Society Happenings.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Lillie Hedspath Cousins and son Ed gave a family dinner Sunday at her home at 526 E. North street. Those present were Mrs. Effie Vaughn, Mrs. Mimie Christman and son Willie; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hedspath, J. Hammonds, H. C. Morgan, Mrs. Geo. Letts assisted Mrs. Cousins in entertaining.

Mrs. Neal Grain entertained New Year's night in honor of her mother; covers were laid for eleven. Master Willie Christman entertained New Years Misses Bessie, Grace and Mable Thompson, Masters Milo Harris, Emory Harris, Chas. Porter and Edward Cousins were present. Mrs. Gilmore Phillips entertained Monday evening; games and dancing were the amusement for the evening. Wallace Stafford and Frank Wilson attended the masquerade ball in Grand Rapids New Year's night. Mrs. Neal Grain is entertaining her mother Mrs. Chandler, of Battle Creek.

Literary Notes—Officers Elected.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Rev. Samuel Orner, the evangelist, of Akron, O., enroute to Richmond, Ky., preached at Zion Baptist church recently. Dr. Frank, of Louisville, Ky., is in the city the guest of Rev. H. H. Harris and conducted the revival services this week at Zion Baptist church. He also gave an interesting lecture before the Zion Baptist church literary society on Monday evening Jan. 4. Zion Baptist literary convened on Monday evening Jan. 4th, and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: G. L. Coleman, pres.; J. S. Fielding, vice; Miss Anna Belle Monroe, recording secretary, J. Q Brookens, cor, secretary; R. Belsinger, treasurer; Miss Ernestine Monroe, editor-of-budget; Mrs. Alice Adams, organist; during the revival season the program will be of a religious nature. The "war song" concert given Jan. 1, at Union Bapt st church and fair held during this week under the auspices of the Julia Rice club, was and unbounded success The program rendered before the Phyllis Wheatley literary was most superb. Mrs. G. A. McGuire, wife of Rev. McGuire, rector of the Episcopal church took suddenly ill Sunday afternoon, is is hoped that she will soon recover. Geo. Collins an aged citizen departed this life Dec. 29, at the ripe old age 80 yrs. He was a member of Zion Baptist church, serving as deacon for over 35 yrs. and leaves three daughters, a son and a host of friends and relatives. John S. Fielding will spend Sunday in Connersville, Ind. Geo. Wilson, letter carrier of Piqua, spent several days in the city this week the guest of Harry G. Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hayman returned home after spending a few days in Springfield, O.

Christmas Happenings.

Redemption, Ark., Special.

Rev. W. H. Jones, P. E. of the Hope district of the A. M. E. church, was a pleasant visitor here during the holidays. He preached an able sermon Sunday from Col. 2:3. He spoke of The Freeman as being the greatest Negro paper, and that we should not fail to have it in our homes. Christmas trees at the A. M. E. and Baptist churches were quite successful. Geo. and Miss Davie Epps, of Olyphant, Ark., Misses Mary Martin and Laura Oats, of Vian, I. T., and Mrs. Miliner, of Taladega, Ala., are pleasant visitors here. The A. M. E. Sunday school is progressing nicely. Rev. Rhodes, pastor of the A. M. E. church, arrived Thursday. Don't fail to subscribe for The Freeman only $1 per year.

Pleasantly Surprised.

Norwood, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Will Reed and Mrs. Taylor are on the sick list.

Mrs. Clara Brown has returned from Louisville, for permanent residence.

Penick Chapel A. M. E. Z. church began their protracted meeting Sunday.

The members and friends of Penick Chapel pleasantly surprised their pastor Dec. 26, among whom were: Rev. and Mrs. B. Wagonner, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Elliott, Mrs. Julia Edlen, Mrs. Laura Brown and daughter, Miss Ellen Dorsey, Daniel Dorsey, Thomas Draper, Mrs. Belle Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hood, Miss Z. Walton, Mrs. John Churchill, George Dorsey, Truston Smith, Jettie Walton and Mamie McElroy. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Kennedy and his amiable wife heartily welcomed them.

In Social Circles.

Shuqualak, Miss., Special.

The Xmas holidays passed away amid much enjoyment at this place. A grand Xmas tree entertainment was given at Asbury M. E. church the night of the 25th; while there was a little trouble on the outside with the boys. Services was held at the Baptist church on Sunday, the pastor delivered an eloquent sermon. Jas. E. Washington rendered a most striking address on "Race Unity" at Asbury Chapel, Sunday 27. A grand holiday entertainments were given at the residences of Misses Scott, Hudson and McNeese. The marriage ceremony of Wm. Craig and Miss Annie Claiborne was celebrated at the Baptist church the night of the 30th. The house was crowded to the doors.

The emancipation celebration exercises was held at Asbury Chapel on the 1st. Several eloquent speakers participated; the speech by Prof. S. E. Griggs principal of city schools was excellent. The City Social Club gave a grand banquet and mask party the night of the 1st at the hospitable home of Mrs. J. J. Petters, where music and amusement knew no bounds; a nice program was rendered and delicacies were served. Jas. E. Washington and brother, and Miss C. B. Dancey were the guest of Mr. B. T. Teer, the hustler for The Freeman. The son of Lum Murdock was thrown from a train the 31st and killed dying at the dawn of the New Year.

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A Charming Tea Party.

Montreal, Can., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jones entertained charmingly Christmas day with an elaborate dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Miss Virginia Trueheart and Charles Smith. Mr. and Mrs. George Paris gave a charming tea party Christmas in their lovely home. Among their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barker, Mmes. Ritchie and Young, Misses Anneil Trueheart, Tillie Jones, Carrie Riggins, Messrs. Charles Smith, John Hushfield and Mr. White. The "Pleasure Seekers" issued very pretty invitations for the New Years' reception. Mrs. Crutchfield, of Chicago, will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Beard, soon. Messrs. Edward Durrant and Silas Clark are in the city this week. George Smith, after a lengthy trip to Vancouver, is home again. Walter Blackburn and Wm. Clark are spending the holidays in St. Louis, Mo. Rev. Brown, of the Desrivers Street Mission, was presented with a beautiful bible by Mrs. Henry Barber. The engagement of Mr. Jackson, of Chicago, to Miss Anna Johnson, is a sad mistake. So "he who laughs last laughs best."

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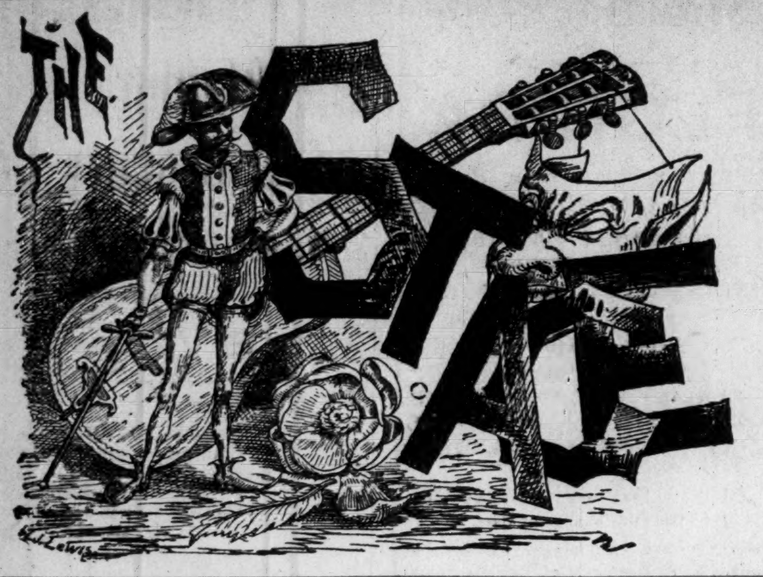

Nashville Students are in Texas.

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Isham's Oriental America are in Chicago this week.

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Georgia Graduates are in Seattle, Wash., this week.

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Wilson's Minstrel's are meeting with much success in Canada.

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Colored Sports are in New York City for an indefinite period.

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South Before the War is now in Canada, playing to good houses.

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Blind Boone Concert Co. are meeting with great success in Texas.

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J. Harry Fidler, the mimic, is now with Isham's Octoroons, No. 2.

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South Before the War is booked to appear at Hamilton, Ont., Can., Jan. 9.

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McCabe & Young's Minstrels turned people away at Clarksville, Tenn., Dec. 31.

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Black Patti Troubadours are playing to excellent business at St. Paul, Minn., this week.

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Williams & Walker are still at Koster & Bial's New York, with their popularity unabated.

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At Hot Springs, Ark., the 6th inst., the Nashville Students appeared before a large audience.

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Black Patti Troubadours broke the Christmas record at the Empire Theatre, Indianapolis.

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Manager Isham banquetted the members of the Oriental America, Christmas in Cincinnati.

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Tom Brown is creating much applause in his impersonation as Li Hung Chang with Oriental America.

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Black Patti Troubadours appeared in a grand concert at Bethel church, Chicago, Jan., 2 to a crowded house.

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Isham's Octoroons gave a sacred concert at Kernan's Lyceum Theatre, Washington, D. C., Sunday Jan. 3.

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The Tennessee Warblers, with the Puggsley Bros., are appearing to large audiences through Pennsylvania.

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Miss Mayme Calloway, soprano soloist, has been transferred from the Oriental America to Octeroon Co. No. 2.

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Tom Brown of Oriental America, in his monologue of fun and imitations, is keeping the audiences in good humor.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are playing to large audiences through Pennsylvania.

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Billy Eldridge, Tom Brown, Belle Davis and Mattie Wilkes with Oriental America are sharing honors with each other.

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Isham's Octoroons, headed by the gifted vocalist, Bessie Lee, played to excellent business at Palace Theatre, Boston, last week.

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A grand competitive musical festival will be given by the different musical organizations of Washington, D. C., inaugaration week.

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Loudin's Fisk Jubilee Singers are greeted at each performance by large and appreciative audiences. They are in Omaha, Neb., this week.

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R. Byron Shelton, a member of Isham's Oriental America, was married to Miss Maude Blaylock, a non-professional, of Indianapolis, Ind., during the engagement in that city Dec. 28.

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Charles Umbers, of Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand, sent £70 sterling for Lewis George Clark, an old octoroon of Lexington, Ky., who was the original George Harris in Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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Miss Mamie Smith, a member of Isham's Oriental America, taken sick during their engagement at Indianapolis, and left the company for an indefinite period.

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Henry Wise, who is now playing the part of "Reuben Green," in "Jolly Coon-ey Island" with Black Patti Troubadours, is receiving much applause.

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Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation Co., are playing to packed houses in Cincinnati this week. The Colored contingent are receiving their share of applause.

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Charlie Parks, the comedian and vocalist, of Indianadolis, has received an offer from Sam T. Jack. He is winning much applause singing, "I'm the Leader of the Colored Aristocrats."

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The Colored Sports Co. presented to Eaton and Weathers gold headed canes; Alf. Weathers and Williard Smith gave Harry Eaton a smoking set, and all in the company received a present from Manager Eaton, Christmas day.

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McAdoo's Jubilee Singers, now in the South African Republic, has among its members, beside Mr. and Mrs. Orpheus M. McAdoo, Miss Belle F. Gibbons, as reader and singer; Miss Jennie Robinson, Misses Carr, Messrs. Thompson, Collins, and C. A. White, pianist.

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Sam T. Jack's Creoles played to packed houses at Brooklyn, N. Y., last week, and are presenting an elaborate bill. The opening piece on the program is "H. M. S. Pinafore." Then follows specialities by Grundy and Murray, grotesque dancers; Black Carl, the Creole Mahatma; George Wilson, black face comedian; the Golden Gate Quartet with "Washday on the Levee," and Hypolite, West Indian musical prodigy. The show closes with a skit called "The Soiree."

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Managers John W. Isham and W. H. Isham tendered a banquet to the members of Isham's Octoroons, No. 1 at Washington, D. C., Christmas night, in which the entire company indulged to their heart's content. Business Manager Chas. L. Walters and W. H. Isham, the latter the manager of the company, were present and made speeches. The menu was arranged in nine acts, to all of which full justice was done, and it was well on in the wee hours of the morning when the curtain fell, with all concerned well pleased with their evening's recreation and indulgence.

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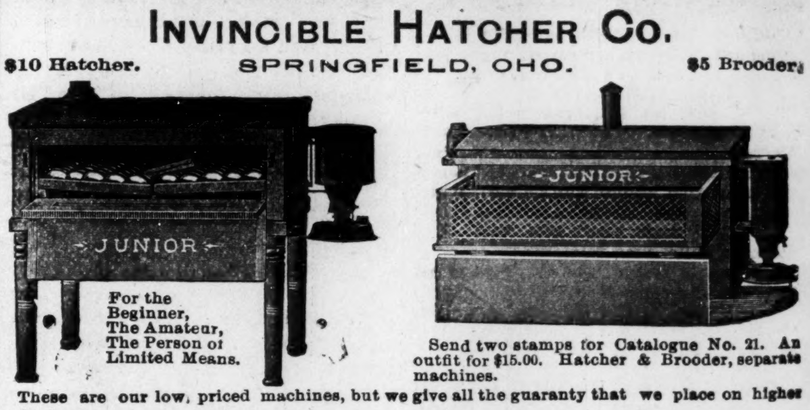

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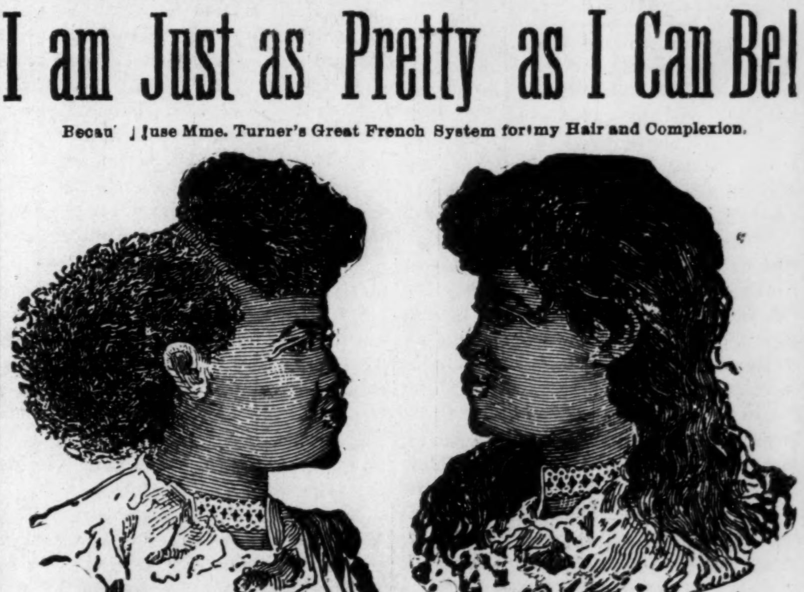

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MAN OR MYTH?

A Critical and Philosophical Letter from Marble Fall, Tex.—The Writer says that he is "An Old Man that Don't Know Nothing"—Scores Dr. J. M. Henderson, R. W. Thompson, "B. Square" and Others.

MARBLE FALL, TEX., Jan. 1, '97.

DEAR MR EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN

DEAR SIR—i has red your Nuse paper the freeman nie onter Five Years and i Think it is a grate Nuse Paper so this here new Year i just made Up My mind To write you a letter And If you will print it i will write More per haps one every month and perhapss One Every two weeks i am an old man and live way down south in Marble Falls texus i will tell you about my self and how i lernt to Read and rite in the first Place i am a old man 69 Years old, i dont know nothing but i was born some time ago in the year of 1828 in camden countie north curliner i head Old missis say gin and a gin that me and younge marse Hennery clay Baxter was born the same week in feberwary and marse Hen is we all called him tole me leasewise a hundred Times he was born on the 12 day of feberwary so i feels is if i told the truth when i say i were born in feberwary: for the war i belonged to a Miss Lizzie Baxter, a Widder woman, who lived at Martins Point camdin contie north curliner; in 1848 when i was jess 20 years old Miss Lizer Baxter Died and the 3 boys and 2 gals vided up and sold the isstate I was sold down to Newerleans and went on a cotton plantation; as i did not not like it i follered the Old north Star up north to Brattleboro Vermont where I stayed nigh on to 11 years where i lernt how to read and rite and got religon and jined the baptist church in 1959 i got it in my head to go down to Newer leans to see if i could hear bout my Brother who was sold away the same time I were, all my white friends in Brattleboro tole me not to go as it were dangerous business but in them days when a young slave born man made up his mind to do a thing he done it They had more spirit currage and push in them days than the young black men has to day: if a young man wanted to be Free mitey bad he jess got out and follered the north Star: but as I was going to say i went down to Newer leans and the minnit i got down there sure er nuff i was koched and sold for a runner way slave out here in texus: when the War Broke out i jined the union Army and fit for freedom: after the War i got marrid and bort a Farm out here at Marble Falls texus where i now lives and has razed 9 head of boys and gals and been a baptist Preacher for nie onto 30 years; this is all I will say of my Self as i will not take all this room to speak of my self i want to say a few words about the Proggress our People are makeing or leastmore the Proggress they is not makeing: i want to write bout what i thinks about the Matter and bout some of your writers in your papper in the First place i will say that the cullid Pepell is not makeing the Proggress they made for the War: no sir: they is not: we had no nuse pappers then: we had no prof. Booker Washingtons then: no Dr. J. M. Hendersons then: we had no prof. R. W. Thompsons then: we had no prof. B. Squares then: we had no doctor this or lawyer that: we had no school houses then: we had nothing then, and still hundreds and hundreds of we slave men in them days got away follered the north Star up north or to canider and got Free: some of we slave men worked nights for years and bought our Freedum and we wifes Freedum and our childrens Freedum and now we can do nuthing or get nuthing or say nuthing no how: if I could raze 100 bareles of corn for the War for Miss Liza Baxter why cant i raze it now for my self (i can and do) if I can raze 100 bareles of corn now with no edukation why cant my son Abraham Lincoln Baxter who has been out yonder to school in howard College in washington d c raze 200 he cant do it still he has got edukation and gets the best kind of seed corn from the govinment at washington d c every year: he cant do it least wise hedont do it: can you tell me why mr editor if not i will tell you: the negroes of to day is weaker and bigger fools then the negroes of yestiddy: we is got to manney talkers, to manney writers, to manney ginnels, to manney majurs, to manney captins and not en nuff solgers and every writer, talker, preacher, school teacher, ginnils, majurs and captins are looking out for something for his self and hissin: now there is Dr J. M. Henderson he is writeing a hole lot of big Dick and high ferlutetin words about how the race should do: i do not understand half of it: have he no self object in view? i reckon he have: he wants to show his learning so he can be Bishop or editor of the chistiann recorder or president of wilberforge school some day: then there is prof b square, he is writeing a hole lot of rig a may roll about race unity and business: what is his object mr editor? i will tell you: he is the head of a new order to start banks and start stores and he wants all the race to jine it so he will get rich: then theres prof R. W. Thompson he writes about sivel servise and what pres mckinley should do for the race: what is he up to? Well i will tell you: he have a good job in washington and wants to hole on to it, then there is T Thomas Fortune up yonder in New York he writes in his papper all the time about recognission of the cullid voters what do he want? well i reckon he wants to be minister to Hateter or Libary: all these great men (who made them great) is thinking of self first what we needs is a hole lot of smart men like we had for the War to push the proggress of the Race of Black men along: we Wants more workers and less Bosses: more scarlers and less teachers, more goahead men and less pinters: more readers and less writers: more push and less pull: more fighters and Ginerels and the Proggress of the Race will be pushed along

Yours until Death

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Christmas Number Appreciated.

LE MARS, IA., Dec. 30, '96.

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Hoax—"I understand Cohen is going to take the pledge on New Year's day." Joax—"Why not? He takes it every day. He's a pawnbroker."

Mamma (indignantly)—"Is it true that you asked Mr. Millyuns to support you?" Flora—"Yes; I can't skate alone right away."

"I need a little change." "Yes; it is no more than fare." As the first speaker did not have the change, the second speaker, who was a hard-hearted conductor, put him off the car.

Housekeeper—"Your bill is nearly double the usual amount this week, and yet the wash was small." Washwoman—"Yes, ma'am; but, thin, some o'th' things got tore in th, washin', an' Oi had t' iron thim.' sep'rate."

New Year resolves are wearing;
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But shall I swear off swearing,
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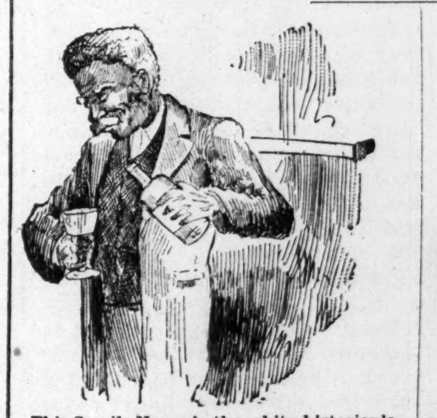

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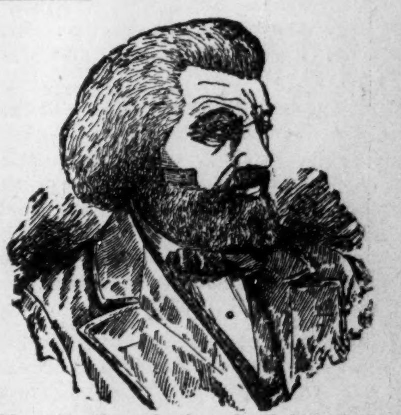

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Mrs. J. T. V. Hill is seriously ill at her home in Martindale avenue.

The Indianapolis Literary Society will meet next Tuesday evening at the Ninth Presbyterian church.

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Mrs. Mary Clark, 245 Spruce street, died Sunday of lung fever. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Second Baptist church.

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Sylvester Rape died last Sunday from injuries received at the Surgical Institute several months ago. His remains were taken to Nashville, Tenn., for burial.

Mrs. Ella Richardson, wife of Samuel Richardson, died Friday Jan. 1. Her funeral was held Sunday at Bethel church, where she was a faithful member.

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The Alpha Home Association will meet at the Ninth Presbyterian church, Thursday, Jan. 14 at 2 p. m. Everybody invited to attend. Mrs. Amanda Wells, secretary.

Dr. J. A. Beamouth has opened a sanitarium at 651 North Senate avenue, where he will treat all invalids of the race. It is the only colored sanitarium in the state—the second in the United States.

Prof. Booker T. Washington will deliver a lecture, Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, at Plymouth church, subject, "Solving the Negro Problem in the Black Belt of the South." Admission 50 cents.

The criminal court room was packed last Monday to hear the argument of Lawyer Octavius V. Royall in a case of State vs. Floyd Brown. The frequenters of that room say it was the strongest plea heard for many a day. Mr. Royall is destined to make his mark as a lawyer.

The annual election of officers of the Sisters of Charity, No. 1 were held last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Henrietta Woodring, who retires after three year's service, was the recipient of a gold watch and chain, several elegant handkerchiefs and a purse of money, given to her by the members of the society.

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I desire to return my sincere thanks to the pastor, members, choir and friends of Allen Chapel for their kindness, aid and sympathy in my recent bereavement in the loss of my son, and to thank those who so kindly sent floral tributes. MILDRED KEAN.

The Washington Club.

New Year's day at the Washington Club in Indiana avenue, of which Alex Nichols is president, was well spent. Henry Jackson, the genial manager, assisted by the "one Charles Hall," looked after the wants of each member, serving them with punch, cake and egg-nog.

Empire Theatre.

Manager Zimmerman will give the patrons of the Empire, the first three nights of next week a grand entertainment in Sheridians and Flynn's "Big Sensation." The Company is composed of twenty white artist and fifteen colored including such star preformers as the two Farrells "Billy" and "Willa," Smart and Williams. Remember that you are always welcomed at this house.

A. M. E. Ministers.

All A. M. E. ministers, those in charge of churches and those who are not, exhorters, local preachers, deacons and elders in and surrounding the city, are requested to meet at Bethel A. M. E. church, (pastor's office) next Tuesday, the 12 at 2 p. m. The object being to organize a Minister's Meeting. Committee, Revs. H. H. Thompson, P. E., D. A. Graham, A. L. Murray, secretary.

Tom Brown's Success.

Too much cannot be said for the Indianapolis boy, Tom Brown, who was seen at the Empire Theatre last week. Brown's delineations are what may be termed good. But the more to his credit is the fact that he has displayed indomitable will in climbing to success against the most adverse circumstances. He has went the world alone from early childhood. Thousands of lives have been wrecked in the great sea of freedom, but Mr. Brown has demonstrated that bridleless youth may succeed if he will

"Sherlock Holmes" in Black.

Ben Thornton, our colored detective, who recently made a trip to Kentucky to get a murderer wanted in this city, had quite a novel experience. A colored detective in "Ole Kentuck" was certainly a wonderful personage. In one town where Ben visited, when he went out on the street a crowd of curious people of all ages followed his every footstep. One old, fat colored woman shook hands with him and said: "So youse a detectav!" and after grasping his hand rather roughly she rubbed it on her white apron first, and then, turning around, vented her spite on a group of grinning Negroes in very strong language: "What yo poh cullud trash tryin' to fool yo ole mammy foh? Dat's no stoveblack; dat's a sho' nuff niggah detectav, Mistah Thawnton fum Dinnanopolis. I wants to tell you all, yuse no 'count whatevah. Cullud fokes way up No'th be sumthin'. You lazy niggahs done spiled at de weanin'. I'se mighty glad to see a cullud man lak Mistah Thawnton git hisse'f way up yondah. Yo Kentucky niggahs stay roun' heah till yo all die an' den no one knows it, an' a heap sight less fokes cayah. Youse no good; heah me? Youse no good. Glad to meet yoh, Mistah Thawnton."—[From Holiday Edition of Hotel Sample Room, J. F. Collen, publisher.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

At a little select social function given quite recently, a breathless, emotionless pause, an angry scowl and frowning faces, daggers and pitchforks were breathed in silent contempt, and a dark gloom overshadowed the brilliantly lighted hall as a little party of uninvited guests appeared on the scene.

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The girls are mad. Instead of a menu prepared by a hote d' chef, they were treated to a glass of unfiltered city water. The uninvited guests received marked attention, and from the girls too, who were so fearfully wrought up over the affair. They would not attend a certain theatre at which a number of the univited held perfect sway, but these same girls could see no impropriety in mingling with them socially. One of the girls, who seemed so sensitive to the uninvited's presence at first appearance, was especially courteous and very "chummy" before leaving

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But the boys: Oh they were mad too! They could not understand why the uninvited were present. The little committee looked wise, shook their heads, consulted their memorandums, but the names of the uninvited could not be found. The mystery, however, was cleared up when it was learned that a very quiet, unobtrusive young man simply invited three—that's all—and the others "just came."

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It may sound strange to say that the least attention given to race literature is usually by those who pose as cultured, refined aristocracy—those who love to see their names in print, yet rather borrow the paper from the poor washwoman next door than to be a regular paid-up subscriber. They are self-imposing and arrogant, and get indignant if asked to settle accounts. "I don't care nuthin' 'bout no nigger paper—nuthin' in 'em no how; jis' take my name off'n the book; I would'nt give a dollar for all de nigger nusepapers in the United States," remarked a well-known colored business man last week.

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This petted phrase goes the rounds in all Negro enterprises. They rather possess the shameful qualities of jealousy, suspicion and prejudice than proclaim union and strength. The average Negro considers it far more loyal to rent a dress suit to attend a fashionable ball and pay $5 or $10 admission than to pay five cents next day for a copy of a Negro journal; he will pay $3 for a livery for a few hours to "show off," but would not contribute ten cents to a charitable institution; he will borrow five cents to get in the "grand push" to pollute the sacred church aisle with his self-conceit and vainglory, and go hungry next day. We might enumerate further, but time forbids.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

A beautiful reception was given in honor of Miss Lydia Knight of Sheridan New Year's Eve night by Miss Ida Thomas at her home, 1474 Senate Ave., North. The parlor was tastefully decorated with Christmas greens and carnations, while roses and smilax formed the table decorations. Miss Thomas was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Jessie, and Miss Nora Kincaid. Guests from abroad were Elijah Bybee, Dwight, Ill., Miss Margaret Roberts, of Kokomo, and Miss Willa Lacky of Louisville, Ky. The evening was spent in card-playing, music and dancing.

Miss Effie Young entertained a number of young friends at dinner last Tuesday in honor of Miss W. B. Lackey of the State University of Louisville, Ky., Misses Sadie and Mattie Simms of Edinburgh, and Misses Leana and Lou Emma Kirks, and Miss Viola Leonard. Miss Young also entertained Miss Ida Thomas of Bloomington during the holidays.

Mrs. Jackson gave an afternoon to a few friends Saturday at her home in Douglass street, among whom were Misses Kate Mann, Lucille Harris, Stella Roundtree, Cora Christy and E. Daniels, Messrs. Smith, Holmes, Anderson, McPhelan and Larkin.

Mrs. Sallie Robinson, who has been teaching in Versailles, Ky., has returned to the city, accompanied by her sister, Miss Tillie R. Brown. Mrs. Robinson is at home to her friends, 438 Douglass street.

Mrs. Luvenia Sneed, of Frankfort, Ky., spent last Monday in the city with her cousin, Miss Lillian Jones in Martindale avenue, en route home from Chicago where she spent the holidays with her husband.

John Bell and Mrs. Helen Granger, Thomas Barber and Miss Julia Warmack were united in marriage last Tuesday evening, Rev. A. L. Murray officiating.

Elder M. Vann, pastor of the First Baptist church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Cor. Sec'y of the Baptist Convention of Tennessee, was a visitor to our office this week.

Thos. Brown of the Isham Oriental Co., entertained the members at luncheon at his sister's Mrs. L. Sweeney in Yandes street, while in the city last week.

Miss Hulda Abrams, of Cincinnati, O., is the guest of Mrs. A. H. Henderson in California street. She will remain in the city permanently.

Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Teister, of Crawfordsville, were in the city last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Doke in Fifteenth street.

Miss Parker returned to her home in Logansport Monday, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Ida Underwood in Columbia avenue.

Mrs. Gray gave a pleasant little surprise party in honor of her brother, Will Russell, in Columbia street last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Worthington were "at home" to their friends informally New Years day at their cozy residence, 24 Mill street.

Miss Mamie Stewart left for her home in Chicago Monday night, after spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Allen of Evansville, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bryant in Bismark street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weber entertained friends New Year's Eve at their residence in Alvoid street.

Mrs. C. Harris of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Henderson in Vermont street.

Mrs. Georgia Blackburn returned last Monday from Columbus, O., where she spent the holidays.

Miss Knight who has been a guest of Miss Ada Bagby, has returned to her home in Sheridan.

Miss Georgia Stevenson has returned from a pleasant trip to friends in Springfield, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Remus Moore entertained a few friends New Year's day.

Will Burns returned from Chicago, and is a guest of Wilbur Elliott.

Rev. E. B. Martin left the city this week for an extensive trip South.

Miss Mamie Smith joined the Oriental America Co., in Chicago.

Miss Ada Modoc is visiting relatives in Cloverport, Ky.

Will Keelum of Knightstown, spent the week in the city.

Chas. Jordan of Chicago, was in the city last Tuesday.

Mrs. O. G. Brown of Wabash is visiting in the city.

The Dulcet Concert.

Probably one of the most pleasing concerts given recently was the one which took place at the Second Baptist church Dec. 30. A brilliant array of talented and cultured artists had been advertised to appear, and they were greeted by an appreciative audience. Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox, of whom the public never tires, never appeared to a better advantage in her readings. Her impersonations shows skillful application to her chosen profession, and was well received. Mrs. M. L. Terry, in her vocal selections, was roundly applauded. Her voice is of high range, clear, and fascinating, and melts in soft, sweet bell-like tones. Mrs. Essie Frye-Hurt appeared well in a solo. Dr. Beulah Porter read a carefully prepared paper. The concert was a creditable one in every particular.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Mrs. Blackshear, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Turner and C. A. Webb are among the indisposed members.

The pastor announced that Rev. M. Vann, of Chattanooga, Tenn., would assist in the revival services, which will open Sunday night.

Every one is invited to hear Elder Vann next Wednesday night. He is one of the leading Baptists of Tennessee, and an eloquent speaker.

Last Tuesday night a "Mask Concert" was given by Mrs. V. E. Lewis' club at the church. A social was also given at the residence of Mrs. Hughes in Sixth street by her club Thursday night.

The inclement weather last Sunday had its effect on the attendance at the services. At 11 a. m., the pastor, Rev. Blackshear, in his sermon made an earnest endeavor to impress the very important truth of being an individual witness for Christ. The pastor took advantage of the sentiment of the season concerning New Year resolutions. Communion services were well attended.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Miss Anna Smith, Mrs. Bruer and Mrs. Sullivan are on the sick list.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. Carr. subject, "The Beginning."

The Ladies Circle was entertained by Mrs. A. Yanthis in Hiawatha street.

Five hundred and two members com-

The members of the church presented Dr. Carr a $75 suit of clothes and a neat little purse for a New Year's gift.

muned at 4 p. m. A great spirit of union was manifested. Twenty-seven persons expressed a desire for prayer. We invite the general public to attend the series of revival meetings.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Little Hermon Bush and Mrs. J. H. Young are quite sick.

Five persons joined the church on watch meeting night.

Next Sunday evening is barber's night. Every one is cordially invited to be present.

The cantata given New Year's evening was a grand success. The recitation by Miss Golden Jones was roundly applauded.

Rev. H. F. Bray of Paynes' Theological Seminary was a guest of Rev. Murray last week. He preached an able sermon Sunday evening.

The young ladies deserve great credit for so beautifully decorating the lecture room of the church New Year's day. Miss Bertha Morgan, chairman.

The pastor said the other day that he heartily endorsed The Freeman's position relative to Prof. Gurley Brewer of Mt. Vernon, that he was worthy and had merited it.

Over 100 communed last Sunday. It was also Allen Chapel's 30th anniversary day. Quite a large congregation assembled. The address by Dr. Elbert on the "History of the Church" and the oration by Miss Allie Morgan were excellent.

Mrs. Rose Brunswick and daughter Josie arrived in the city last Saturday afternoon from Connersville, where she had been visiting her daughter, Rev. Mrs. J. H. Fisher. She left Monday afternoon for her home in Vincennes. They were guests of Mrs. Murray.

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

Last Monday night the annual church meeting was held. The attendance was large and much interest was manifested. The trustee's report showed the present indebtedness of the church to be $6,800 and this is being reduced more than $100 each month. A comparison of the amounts of money raised in the past three months with the corresponding three months of '94 and '95 showed a large increase over the past two years. The greatest interest centered in the choice of trustees, which resulted in the re-election of all the members of the old board by increased majorities. This was a splendid tribute to the faithfulness and integrity of the board. Isaac Devines was chosen corporation clerk. The best of feeling prevailed throughout the meeting.

Revival services are now on. Rev W. H Saunders of Crawfordsville will assist the pastor next week.

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox will appear at this church the 12th.

The young people are making an effort to start a literary society.

Rev. T. Byrd preached a black board sermon last Sunday night.

The Sunday school elected their officers last Sunday, and retained their present superintendent, Bro. C. Rice, and Bro. I. Martin, assistant.

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